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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 49-355, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 49-355, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 49-355. Small water systems fund

5 A. A small water systems fund is established in the department of
6 environmental quality. ~~ON DESIGNATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL~~
~~QUALITY, THE FUND MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE~~
~~AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA.~~ The fund consists of monies appropriated by the
7 legislature. Monies in the fund are exempt from lapsing under section
8 35-190. Interest earned on monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

9 B. Monies from the small water systems fund shall be used to:

10 1. Develop public education and information programs for owners,
11 operators and customers of small water systems.

12 2. Provide advice and assistance in managerial, accounting,
13 engineering and other technical areas for owners and operators of small water
14 systems.

15 3. Integrate and coordinate information ~~data-bases~~ DATABASES among the
16 government agencies involved in regulating small water systems.

17 4. Develop other programs which would benefit the owners, operators
18 and customers of small water systems.

19 5. PROVIDE EMERGENCY GRANTS TO INTERIM OPERATORS OR INTERIM MANAGERS
20 OF SMALL WATER SYSTEMS THAT ARE APPOINTED BY THE ARIZONA CORPORATION
21 COMMISSION TO REPAIR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

22 C. THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA MAY APPROVE A
23 GRANT TO AN INTERIM OPERATOR OR AN INTERIM MANAGER OF A SMALL WATER SYSTEM
24 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS SECTION ONLY IF THE OPERATOR OR
25 MANAGER DEMONSTRATES THAT IT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MAKE
26 REPAIRS TO OR TO REHABILITATE THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM THAT IS OPERATED BY THE
27 INTERIM OPERATOR OR MANAGER IN ORDER TO CORRECT OR AVOID AN INTERRUPTION IN
28 WATER SERVICE.